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CALENDAR FOR JULY.

PROPER LESSONS.

- 4—**3rd Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—I. Sam. ii. 10 to v. 27; Acts xi. *Evening*—I. Sam. iii. or iv. to v. 17; III. Joha.
- 11—**4th Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—I. Sam. xii; Acts xvi. v. 16. *Evening*—I. Sam. xiii. or Ruth i.; Matt. v. v. 13 to 33.
- 18—**5th Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—I. Sam. xv. to v. 24; Acts xx. v. 17. *Evening*—I. Sam. xvi. or I. Sam. xvii.; Matt. ix. 1 to v. 13.
- 25—**St. James, A. & M. (Ath. Creed).** *Morning*—II. King. i. to v. 16; Luke ix. v. 51 to 57. *Evening*—Jer. xxvi. v. 8 to 16.
- 25—**6th Sunday after Trinity.** *Morning*—II. Sam. i. *Evening*—II. Sam. xii. to v. 24, or xviii.; Matt. xiii. to v. 24.

HIS COMING.

They tell me a solemn story,
But it is not so sad to me,
For in its sweet unfolding
My Saviour's love I see.

They say that at any moment
The Lord of life may come
To lift me from the cloudland
Into the light of home.

They say I may have no warning,
I may not even hear
The rustle of His garments,
As He softly draweth near.

Suddenly, in a moment,
Upon my ear may fall
The summons loved of our Master,
"Answer the Master's call."

Perhaps He will come in the noontide
Of some bright, sunny day,
When, with dear ones all around me,
My life seems bright and gay.

Pleasant must be the pathway,
Easy the shining road,
Up from the dimmer sunlight
Into the light of God.

Perhaps He will come in the stillness
Of the mild and quiet night,
When the earth is calmly sleeping
'Neath the moonbeams' silvery light;

When the stars are softly shining
O'er the slumbering land and sea,
Perhaps in holy stillness
The Master will come for me.

—Dr. Bonar.

In July many of our readers in town and city go off to quiet coun-

try places for rest and holiday, and sometimes there is a danger of them forgetting to honor God at all times during their vacation.

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THE cares and business duties of life are laid aside for a time, and we are apt also to lay aside the restraints which a loving Father has thrown around us for our good.

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WE receive the best gifts from God, and certainly a holiday is a good gift, so our hearts should be drawn out in deeper thankfulness and love to the gracious Giver.

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How the older ones might impress on the young who are with them, the glory and power of God as manifested in His handwork around and about them, how lead up their hearts and minds to their Heavenly Father, who hath made mountain and hill, valley and stream, flower and forest tree.

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YEA, and on the Lord's day, though far from their own stately churches, how tourists might cheer the hearts of the workers for God's cause in those quiet places by coming regularly to worship in the little country church and helping together in work and worship, and so showing that they are followers of the same Saviour and children of the same King.

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MANY a summer visitor might leave a pleasant memory behind, where he has spent part of his holiday, by scattering some good reading, or perhaps giving, as a token of appreciation for some kindness shown, a copy of a paper like PARISH AND HOME for a year.

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THE writer had a visit some time ago from a clergyman in England,

whose father had once been stationed as an army officer in Canada. During his stay here he had occasion to take a trip with one of our bishops, who was on a confirmation tour through part of Ontario in the earlier days. He took the opportunity of taking a lot of wholesome Christian literature and distributing it broadcast in the newer settlements. Who can tell how many a seed of truth was in this way sown, and how many lives influenced for all eternity.

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MIGHT not some of us do likewise during our summer outings?

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How many of us neglect to *shine* each day for our Lord and Master!

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To His disciples Christ says: "Ye are the light of the world." "Let your light so shine." May our lives be so bright and happy and unselfish that people may take knowledge of us, and see not only that we have been with Christ, but that we are like Christ.

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MR. W. H. FROST, of the China Inland Mission, tells of several cases where missionaries had gone to that great dark land of China, and before they had had time to learn the language of the people, had been used of God to lead others out of heathenism. Their actions and conduct and lives were such, so bright and happy and cheerful, that some who were much with and watched them, said, these people "have something, some power that we have not," and, so speaking to others who were able to instruct them in their own tongue, they were led to know that the power came from Christ Jesus, who is "the brightness of His Father's glory and the express image of His person."